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*Global Partnership for Small-Scale Fisheries Research*

## **NEWS AND UPDATES FEBRUARY 2019**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **TBTI for Blue Justice**

Watch the recording  
of a special seminar  
on 'Blue Justice for  
Small-Scale Fisheries'

#### **Call for applications**

Training workshop:  
Transdisciplinarity in  
Fisheries & Ocean  
Sustainability", Iloilo  
City, 12-15 April, 2019

#### **Report**

Transdisciplinary  
training workshop in  
Cape Town, 21-24  
January 2019

## TBTI UPCOMING EVENTS

### Call for applications

#### Training workshop: Transdisciplinarity in Fisheries & Ocean Sustainability

*April 12-15, Iloilo City, Philippines*



The training workshop 'Transdisciplinarity in Fisheries & Ocean Sustainability' is a unique program, developed by TBTI. It is rooted in the transdisciplinary (TD) approach, which argues that the problems and priorities in fisheries, ocean and environmental governance require a broadening of perspectives that cut across academic disciplines, bridge division between scientific and local knowledge, and bring about innovation in teaching and learning.

The 3.5 days TD training workshop will begin with a series of lectures on theories and main concepts, such as transdisciplinarity, wicked problems, stakeholders, governance, governability, and sustainability, accompanied by exercises and practical to facilitate learning. As case study analysis is an important aspect of the training, participants will be working in small groups to analyze the case studies using the frameworks learned, including stakeholder analysis, institutional analysis, and governability assessment.

The TD training workshop in Iloilo is organized in conjunction with the 12AFAP, which will take place on April 8-11th, in order to facilitate participation of scientists, practitioners, students and others who are already planning to attend the 12AFAP. The training workshop is opened, however, to anyone interested in learning about transdisciplinarity. Background and knowledge about fisheries, ocean and environmental issues are required.

There is no lecture fee and the teaching/learning materials will be provided to the participants free of charge. However, participants need to pay nominal fee to cover breaks and lunches, and the field trip. They are also expected to cover their own travel, accommodation and meals not covered during the workshop.



**Deadline to apply: March 4, 2019**

For more information about the workshop, the cost, and the details on how to apply, click [HERE](#).

## TBTI ACTIVITIES

### TD Africa training workshop

### Transdisciplinarity in Fisheries & Ocean Sustainability

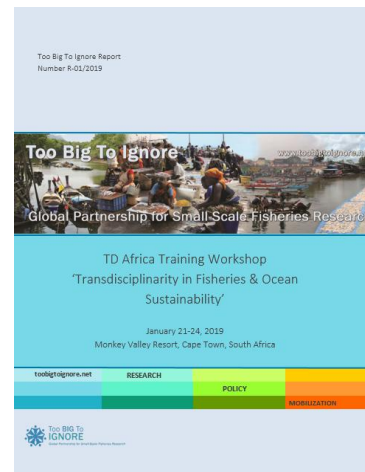
*January 21-24, Cape Town, South Africa*



The four day-workshop brought together about 25 scholars and practitioners on small-scale fisheries from across Africa. The training workshop included a number of presentations, group activities, guest lectures and a field trip to Ocean View, a local fishing community.



‘TD Africa Training Workshop: Transdisciplinarity in Fisheries & Ocean Sustainability’ was organized as part of the TBTI transdisciplinary training program. The objective of the training program is to expose participants to a range of issues, challenges and concerns related to fisheries and ocean sustainability, especially those affecting small-scale fisheries, as well as to deepen the understanding about their causes and effects, and to broaden the perspective about how to address them.



To see the full report from the workshop, click [HERE](#).

## TBTI ACTIVITIES

### Strengthening collaboration on small-scale fisheries research in the Latin America and the Caribbean

*February 4 and 5, Guayaquil, Ecuador*

On February 4 and 5, 2019, several TBTI members met in Guayaquil, Ecuador to discuss ways of building collaboration between government departments, researchers and civil society organizations to address issues and concerns affecting small-scale fisheries in Latin America and the Caribbean. The meeting was hosted by the National Fisheries Institute and coordinated by María José Barragán Paladines, TBTI cluster coordinator.

The group exchanged experiences and lessons in small-scale fisheries management in Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico, and discussed the role of the Information System on Small-Scale Fisheries (ISSF), research collaboration, and the transdisciplinary training in enhancing local and regional capacity to implement the SSF Guidelines and to improve the overall fisheries governance.

A detailed report from this meeting will soon be available on our website.



On February 5, TBTI also held a seminar at the National Ecuadorian Fisheries Institute. The seminar showcased the past and current activities in TBTI, in particular those in Latin America and the Caribbean, drawing lessons from the recent TBTI book on 'Viability and Sustainability of Small-Scale Fisheries in Latin America and The Caribbean' (Salas et al. 2018). The meeting concluded with a summary of the next steps to be achieved for sustainability of SSF in the LAC region.



For more information, visit the TBTI website.

## TBTI ACTIVITIES

### 'TBTI for Blue Justice' campaign

#### Special seminar: Blue Justice for Small-Scale Fisheries - The Constructive Agenda

January 25, Cape Town

On January 25, Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, University of Western Cape, in partnership with TBTI, organized a special seminar as a way to encourage discussion about the concept of 'Blue Justice' in relation to small-scale fisheries. The seminar also emphasized the need to connect the key international instruments such as the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries, the Governance of Tenure, and the Right to Food Guidelines, to meaningfully engage with local small-scale fishing communities, in order to secure access, food and livelihoods.

Key questions raised at the seminar were:

- To what extent are blue growth initiatives challenging the existing social structures, power relations, access rights, and rights of small-scale fisheries engaging in livelihoods activities in the same ocean space?
- To what extent are small-scale fishers part of the debates, discussions and decisions when their fishing grounds are under threat?
- More importantly, who benefits from the blue growth agenda?



**"Blue Justice" for Small-Scale Fisheries: The Constructive Agenda**



**SPECIAL SEMINAR  
PLAAS in partnership with Too Big To Ignore (TBTI)**

The seminar began with presentations by the following TBTI members. It was chaired, and the discussion moderated, by Naseegh Jaffer, of Masifundise, TBTI partner based in South Africa.

- Prof Ratana Chuenpagdee (TBTI Director, Memorial University): *'Building transdisciplinary capacity for Blue Justice'*

- Prof Svein Jentoft (TBTI cluster coordinator, UiT- The Arctic University of Norway): *'Situating human rights principles in the Blue Economy'*

- Prof Moenieba Isaacs (TBTI cluster coordinator; PLAAS, University of the Western Cape): *'Three narratives driving the Blue Economy agenda'*



The recording of the seminar is available [HERE](#). (Note: please ensure you view the video via Internet Explorer).

**For more information, visit TBTI website.**

## OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

### Congratulations

Congratulations to UBC Professor and TBTI Cluster Coordinator, Dr. Ussif Rashid Sumaila, Professor and Director of the Fisheries Economics Research Unit at UBC's Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries for being awarded the **President's Award for Public Education through Media**. This award celebrating active and creative sharing of research expertise through the news media.



Dr. Sumaila's pioneering research challenges the core tenets of economics, prompting a rethink of the basic objectives of society with regards to oceans and fisheries. A prolific researcher, he regularly communicates with the public through print, broadcast, and online media interviews and expert commentary, as well as through social media.

### TBTI Member of the Week



Annie Lalancette has a diverse background: she holds a B.Sc. in biology, a M.Sc. in environmental immunotoxicology, a graduate diploma in Environmental Impact Assessment and an interdisciplinary PhD. in social sciences.

Annie's work over the last ten years has focused on coastal communities' resilience and wellbeing, particularly in the context of fishing. Her research aims to understand and then communicate different perspectives in order to contribute to the development of equitable and sustainable marine environmental management practices

**For more information about her research, click [here](#).**



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## ABOUT

Too Big To Ignore is a global research network and knowledge mobilization partnership that focuses on addressing issues and concerns affecting viability and sustainability of small-scale fisheries.

If you have any comments or feedback you would like to share with us, send us an email to [toobigtoignore@mun.ca](mailto:toobigtoignore@mun.ca). We also encourage you to visit our website to find out more about the project and how to engage.

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